

INTERNET USER'S POLICY

The Arcadia Public Library is pleased to offer Internet access through public library computers as well as access through a public wireless network (Wi-Fi) as another service that helps to fulfill its mission to provide free and equal access to information. Patrons with a current Library card are allowed, up to 2 hours per day, free Internet usage on public library computers. Guest passes, valid for day of purchase only, are available for visitors without a Library card or patrons wanting additional access time.

The Library has no control over the information accessed through the Internet and cannot be held responsible for its content, accuracy, reliability or security. The Library, through Internet pages and subscription services, provides links to useful Internet sites using the same criteria as it does for the selection of Library materials. However, because the Internet is unregulated and there may be links to subsequent sites from our recommendations, the Library disclaims any responsibility for the content or availability of those additional sites. The Library is not responsible for lost data, spam, or disruptions in service, and cannot guarantee privacy or security when using the public computers or networks.

Filtered Internet computers are provided, but filtering software cannot control access to ***all*** materials that an individual may deem inappropriate. The wireless network system does not have filtering software and is unsecured. As users may find some Internet material offensive or in some way objectionable:

- Parents are strongly encouraged to supervise their children's Internet sessions.
- Users should take personal responsibility to avoid offensive content and not disclose it to others.
- Discreet placement of personal laptops or other devices to minimize inadvertent viewing, including the Library's unfiltered computers in the Tech Center, is the obligation of each user.
- All users are expected to respect the privacy of other users and not invade that privacy in an attempt to censor or comment upon what others are viewing.

To help protect the privacy of all users and sensitivities of other Library patrons, the Library attempts to minimize unintentional viewing of screen content, to the extent that it is feasible to do so, by intentional placement of public access computers and cubicles. All users should, however, take personal responsibility for concealing any private data or inappropriate content that might be viewable by others.

By using the Library's public computers or wireless (Wi-Fi) networks for access to the Internet, users are subject to and must accept the user guidelines as follows:

- Due to the security risks associated with the use of public networks or computers, users may choose not to send personally identifying information about themselves or others.
- The Library's public computers and Wi-Fi networks may not be used for illegal activities, including but not limited to: child pornography, hacking, and sending harassment or hate mail.
- The user is responsible for observing all copyright laws, patents, and licensing agreements.

- The display of obscene materials (harmful matter) to minors (under 18 years of age) is illegal. The exhibition or display of such materials may constitute a crime and authorities may be called.
- All users of the public computers designated as “UNFILTERED” must be 18 years of age or older or have the written consent of a parent or legal guardian.
- Users may not engage in disruptive or inappropriate behavior when using computers.
- The downloading of software applications onto public computers is prohibited.
- The user agrees to abide by all posted time limits.
- The user shall report any hardware or software malfunctions on public computers to staff.

Abuse of Library equipment or the Library’s Wi-Fi network, any attempt to access or tamper with the operating systems of the Library’s public computers, or failure to follow the Library’s policies as set forth in this “Internet User’s Policy” or the Arcadia Public Library “Standards of Behavior”, may result in the loss of Internet privileges. The user may also be held financially liable for any damage to the equipment.